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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 1692

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SUBJECT : UAE AND PDRY AGREE TO SET UP JOINT PANEL

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1. IN COURSE OF THREE DAY VISIT TO UAE BY PDRY FOREIGN
MINISTER MUHAMMAD SALAH MUTIE AND PDRY MINISTER OF
PLANNING AND INDUSTRY ABD AL AZIZ AL GHANI WHICH ENDED
JUNE 6, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE UAE AND THE PDRY WOULD
FORM A JOINT PANEL TO STUDY AND FOLLOW UP ON BILATERAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. THE PANEL WOULD MEET VERY SIX
MONTHS FOR THIS PURPOSE. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AFTER BOTH
PDRY MINISTERS MET WITH THEIR UAE COUNTERPARTS, FONMIN
SUWAIDI AND MIN PLANNING SAID GHUBBASH, WHO HAD DUTIFULLY GONE
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THROUGH PACES OF WELCOMING VISITORS, AS WELL AS WITH DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF ABU DHABI FUND FOR ARAB ECON DEVELOPMENT NASSER
NUWAIS, WHO DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CREDITS TO BE EXTENDED TO
PDRY BY THE FUND. ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO CAME AFTER MUTIE HAD CALLED
ON UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID TO DELIVER SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PDRY
PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAY'A ALI.

2. DURING JUNE 7 MEETING WITH MINSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHUBBASH, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT MEETINGS WITH PDRY MINISTERS, I INQUIRED WHETHER FORMATION OF JOINT PANEL BETWEEN UAE AND PDRY WAS PRECURSOR OF ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. GHUBBASH SAID IT WAS NOT. WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED TO WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW EVERY SIX MONTHS AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL OF WHERE MATTERS STOOD ON VARIOUS LOANS THAT UAE COMMITTED TO OR CONTEMPORATING THROUGH THE ABU DHABI FUND. THE LATTER HAD ALREADY PROVIDED A LOAN TO PURCHASE FISHING TRAWLERS AND WAS NOW CONSIDERING FINANCING A FISHMEAL PLANT. THERE WERE ALSO PROJECTS WHICH HE SAID WERE BEING FUNDED BY THE SAUDIS (BUT WHICH HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) WHERE ABU DHABI FUND MIGHT PARTICIPATE. GHUBBASH MADE POINT THAT JOINT PANEL WAS NOT LIKE A JOINT COMMITTEE OR JOINT COMMISSION BUT WAS MUCH MORE OF AN INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT.

3. GHUBBASH SAID VISIT BY PDRY MINISTERS WAS FOLLOW UP TO SHAIKH ZAYID'S VISIT TO PDRY IN APRIL (REFTEL) AND ITS PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WAS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. GHUBBASH REITERATED THAT UAE IS COORDINATING ITS POLICY VIS A VIS PDRY VERY CLOSELY WITH SAUDIS. WHILE UAE HAS NO ILLUSIONS THAT PDRY REGIME IS GOING CHANGE ITS IDEOLOGY, NEITHER DOES IT BELIEVE THAT VAST MAJORITY OF PDRY CITIZENS HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED SUFFICIENTLY TO BE CONFIRMED MARXIST IDEOLOGUES. SHAIKH ZAYID BELIEVES THAT BY KEEPING DOOR OPEN TO PDRY TO MODERATE WINDS FROM UAE WITH PROSPECTS OF INCREASED ECONOMIC BENEFITS IF THESE CONTACTS DEVELOP, THIS WILL SLOWLY CAUSE METAMORPHOSIS IN PDRY REGIME'S POLITICAL OUTLOOK.
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